

Table C8. Montana Coal Production, Employment and Severance Tax

YEAR	Coal Produced (thousand tons) ¹	Percentage of U.S. production	Number of miners ²	Average cost per ton ¹	Coal Severance Tax ³
1980	29,948	3.6%	1131	\$10.50	\$70,415,018
1981	33,545	4.1%	1227	\$12.14	\$86,186,886
1982	27,882	3.3%	1051	\$13.57	\$80,044,981
1983	28,924	3.7%	1024	\$14.22	\$82,823,410
1984	33,000	3.7%	1112	\$13.57	\$91,748,856
1985	33,286	3.8%	1173	\$13.18	\$84,217,213
1986	33,978	3.8%	932	\$12.93	\$76,546,593
1987	34,399	3.7%	847	\$12.43	\$84,638,312
1988	38,881	4.1%	872	\$10.06	\$58,565,583
1989	37,742	3.8%	682	\$10.27	\$67,870,544
1990	37,616	3.7%	821	\$9.42	\$50,457,839
1991	38,227	3.8%	794	\$10.76	\$54,114,111
1992	38,879	3.9%	715	\$10.20	\$35,481,334
1993	35,917	3.8%	660	\$11.05	\$41,187,973
1994	41,640	4.0%	705	\$10.39	\$40,416,167
1995	39,451	3.8%	722	\$9.62	\$36,260,949
1996	37,891	3.6%	705	\$9.96	\$37,740,212
1997	41,005	3.8%	708	\$9.84	\$35,045,243
1998	42,840	3.8%	925	\$8.25	\$36,767,488
1999	41,102	3.7%	927	\$8.82	\$35,469,791
2000	38,352	3.6%	867	\$8.87	\$32,337,172

¹ Coal production and average cost from Table C2. For 1997 and prior years, average mine price is calculated by dividing the total free on board (f.o.b.) mine value of the coal produced by the total production. For 1998 and forward, average mine price is calculated by dividing the total f.o.b. rail value of the coal sold by the total coal sold.

² Includes all employees engaged in production, preparation, processing, development, maintenance, repair, ship or yard work at mining operations, including office workers for 1998 forward. For 1997 and prior years, includes mining operations management and all technical and engineering personnel, excluding office workers.

³ For state Fiscal Year, which starts July 1 of the calendar year listed. Includes all interest, penalties and accruals. Does not include temporary Coal Stabilization Tax in FY1993-94, which totaled \$2,712,696.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2000* (EIA-0384); U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Coal Production*, annual reports for 1980-92 (EIA-0118); U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Coal Industry Annual*, 1993-2000 (EIA-0584); Montana Department of Revenue *Biennial Report* (1980-2000); Montana Department of Revenue files (2001).